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Dear Vendor,

Under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) fulfills two roles: one for consumer protection, which includes full disclosure on transactions; and the other is to reduce vehicle emissions through the Smog Check Program. In an effort to ensure full disclosure to purchasers of Data Acquisition Devices (DAD), BAR has reconsidered the policy about rebranding, repackaging and changes in the appearance of the DAD. Disregard any previous communication intended to clarify this issue as it relates to the specifications.

In order to protect the integrity of the certification testing process and to ensure that there will be no question to the end-user regarding exactly what device completed certification testing, BAR has determined that no rebranding, repackaging or any changes in appearance, firmware or software of any kind will be allowed on the DAD unless it is a fix required by BAR. BAR will only certify the DAD production models exactly as they have been submitted for certification testing. Furthermore, no changes shall be made to the device after certification is granted unless authorized by BAR.

If another company, other than the vendor of the originally certified device, intends to buy and resell a certified DAD, they may do so as long as they do not change anything on the inside or outside of the certified device. If a company wants to procure certified devices, change the DAD to put their own branding on it or change it in any other way and then resell it, they must apply for certification and then submit a production version of the redesigned DAD to BAR for full certification testing.

Any vendor that desires to apply for certification of a DAD, beyond the four that have submitted devices thus far, should contact Larry Sherwood (larry.sherwood@dca.ca.gov or 916-403-0221).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Larry D. Sherwood'.

Larry Sherwood
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